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SUBJ: ALTERNATIVE TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR AMBASSADOR

1. OCTOBER 25 I VISITED A PROPERTY AT THE ESPLANADE DIPLOMATIC ENCLAVE WHICH IS AVAILABLE AS A TEMPORARY AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. SEVERAL COUNTRIES INCLUDING SPAIN, AUSTRIA AND SWEDEN HAVE ESTABLISHED THEIR PERMANENT AMBASSADORIAL RESIDENCES IN THIS ENCLAVE. THE HOUSES ARE BASICALLY THE SAME IN DESIGN, AND VARY ONLY IN MINOR DETAIL. THE HOUSE IN QUESTION HAS THREE STORIES.

2. THE GROUND LEVEL HAS TWO GUEST BATHROOMS, CLOAKROOM, TWO GOOD SIZED SERVANTS' BEDROOMS, A SERVANTS KITCHEN AND FULL BATH.

3. THE SECOND FLOOR HAS A LARGE DOUBLE LIVING ROOM, WHICH CAN BE SEPARATED BY SLIDING DOORS, AND RUNS THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE HOUSE. THE OTHER HALF OF THE SECOND FLOOR HAS A DINING ROOM THAT CAN EASILY ACCOMMODATE 16, A BUTLER'S PANTRY AND LARGE KITCHEN. THERE IS ALSO A POWDER ROOM.

4. THE THIRD FLOOR CONTAINS THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS WHICH OCCUPY HALF THE FLOOR. THE OTHER HALF HAS A MASTER BEDROOM

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WITH PRIVATE BATHROOM, A SECOND BEDROOM WITH PRIVATE

BATHROOM, AND A SEPARATE THIRD BATHROOM.

5. THIS RESIDENTIAL AREA CONTAINS BOX-SHAPED, LOOK-ALIKE-HOUSES IN A DIPLOMATIC ENCLAVE THIS IS LARGELY DEVOID OF THREES AND SOMEWHAT STERILE IN APPEARANCE. IT IS MUCH CLOSER TO DOWNTOWN EAST BERLIN THAN OTHER PROPERTIES WE HAVE DESCRIBED. THIS LARGE NEW HOUSE SEEMS WELL CONTRUCTED AND SHOULD PROVIDE FEW MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS. THE ROOM ARE BIG, THE KITCHEN AREA IS EXCELLENT, AND THERE ARE AMPLE BATHROOM FACILITIES. IN ADDITION, THE GOUND FLOOR CAN COMFORTABLY HOUSE LIV-IN SERVANTS. THERE ARE SIZEABLE FRONT AND BACK LAWNS, AND A GARAGE FOR TWO AMERICAN-BUILT CARS.

6. COMMENT: THE ESPLANADE RESIDENCE PROVIDES AN ALTERNATIVE WHICH SHOULD BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY THE AMBASSADOR. ALL TOLD, THIS RESIDENCE MAY BE PREFERABLE TO A REMODELED HEINRICH-MANN-STRASSE.

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